THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Some representations have been received from different sources, mostly raising issues relating to the terms and conditions of agreements entered with A.H. Wheeler & Co., by Zonal Railways. However, a few also have brought out reported arrangements of above said party with its agents/ employees etc. Representations received including those relating to the 'sole selling rights' held by the party at selected stations are being duly examined.

Special Trains in Southern Railway

1216. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of special trains arranged in Southern Railway to clear extra rush of passengers in summer vacations; and

(b) what are the norms adopted by Government to determine the number of trains required in summer season ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) About 128 trains.

(b) Traffic justification and operational feasibility.

New System of Automatic cash awards to the Ticket Checking Staff

1217. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced recently a new system of auto- cash awards to the ticket checking staff for the outstanding performance beyond a certain level with effect from March, 1993; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ticket checking staff giving earnings of Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 34,999, Rs. 35,000 to Rs. 49,999 and Rs. 50,000 and above in a month from penalty on persons travelling without or with improper ticket and on unbooked luggage cases would be automatically entitled to a cash award of Rs. 1,000, Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 2,000 respectively.

Energy Consumption by Railway

1218. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the share of Railways in energy consumption in the country in respect of coal, diesel and electricity separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : The Share of Railways in the total energy consumption in the country in respect of coal, diesel and electricity separately for the year 1991-92 is furnished as under :

	Consumption on Railways	Railways share as percentage to the country's total consumption/ despatch (Provisional)
(1)	(2)	(3)
Coal	4.16 Million tonnes	1.9